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SUBJECT: VISIT OF URUGUAYAN ECONOMY MINISTER

1. LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE HAS EMERGED REGARDING THE RECENT VISIT HERE OF URUGUAYAN ECONOMY AND FINANCE MINISTER ALEJANDRO VEGH VILLEGAS, WITH BOTH SIDES ISSUING ALMOST NO COMMENT. ONE EARLY PRESS REPORT (IN JORNAL DO BRASIL) SAID THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA "TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM OF BRAZILIAN-URUGUAYAN COOPERATION TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER". CITING FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES, THE PAPER ADDED, THAT VEGH'S VISIT "IS LINKED TO A SERIES OF UNDERSTANDINGS THAT HE WILL CARRY OUT LATER TODAY WITH HIS COLLEAGUE MARIO HENRIQUE SIMONSEN ABOUT CREDITS AND FINANCING THAT WILL BE EXTENDED TO URUGUAY AS PART OF A BROADER PLAN OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE".

2. URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR MANINI RIOS SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD REPORTERS THAT VEGH WAS HERE TO PREPARE A BROAD AGREEMENT (OR RANGE OF AGREEMENTS) TO BE
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MARITIME TRANSPORTATION, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, AND CREDITS. THE PRESS HERE FOUND SIGNIFICANT MANINI'S COMMENT THAT THE AGREEMENTS WOULD BE "SIMILAR TO THOSE ALREADY SIGNED BETWEEN URUGUAY AND ARGENTINA".

3. THE DAILY FOLHA DE SAO PAULO, NOTING THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF OF COMMERCIAL PROMOTION WAS PRESENT AT VEGH'S MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, REPORTED THAT "THE MINISTERS TALKED ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF BRAZILIAN-URUGUAYAN TRADE AND MECHANISMS CAPABLE OF STIMULATING IT IN THE NEAR FUTURE". OTHER OBSERVERS SUGGESTED A LINK BETWEEN VEGH'S VISIT AND RECENT PRESS STORIES ABOUT NEW BEEF IMPORTS BY BRAZIL TO BE CARRIED OUT SHORTLY.
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